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SUBJECT: SENATOR BROOKE'S MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUONG  
MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUONG ON APRIL 12 WAS MOST  
CORDIAL AND HUONG WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED TO MEET SENATOR  
BROOKE. THREE TOPICS WERE COVERED: CORRUPTION, CEASE- FIRE  
PROSPECTS AND VIABILITY OF PRG. THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT  
CORRUPTION WAS ENDING IN ASIA AND REVIEWED THE EFFORTS THE GVN  
HAD MADE. HE NOTED THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT HAD  
BEEN THE SMASF ( SERVICEMEN' S MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND SAVINGS  
FUND. CJAIR WHICH HAD RESULED IN THE REMOVAL OF THE MINISTER OF  
DEFENSE ( GENERAL VY) AND A NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICERS. HE SAID  
THAT THIS CASE HAD CREATED A HEALTHY SENSE OF FEAR IN OTHER  
MALEFACTORS. THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE RECEIVED TOTAL  
BACKING AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PRESIDENT THIEU AND THAT HIS  
EFFORTS WERE SUPPORTED BY SECRET FUNDS FROM THE PRESIDENCY. HE  
SAID THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BUT THAT A START HAS BEEN MADE.

2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE CEASE- FIRE AND THE PROSPECTS  
FOR PEACE, THE VICE PRESIDENT GAVE A LONG HISTORICAL RECITAL OF  
TONKINESE AGGRESSIVENESS COMMENCING IN THE 13 TH CENTURY. THE  
THRUST OF THIS PRESENTATION WAS THAT TONKINESE DESIGNS ON COCHIN  
CHINA WERE A FACT OF VIETNAMESE LIFE COMPOUNDED TODAY BY THE  
INTRANSIGENANCE OF THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP IN HANOI. PEACE  
WOULD COME ONLY WHEN HANOI CEASED TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE SOUTH.

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3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE VIABILITY AND STRENGTH OF THE PRG, THE VICE PRESIDENT PRETENDED NOT TO UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. WHEN PRG WAS CHANGED TO NLF HE ALLOWED AS HOW THERE WERE SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT IN THE JUNGLE NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER. ALTHOUGH THESE PEOPLE PRETENDED TO CONTROL LARGE SECTIONS OF VIETNAM THEY WERE RATHER HARD TO FIND AND HE LAUGHINGLY ADVISED SENATOR BROOKE NOT TO SEEK THEM OUT AS THEY LURKED IN THE FOREST WITH WILD ANIMALS, SNAKES AND MOSQUITOES.  
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